Parking Regulations – Simcoe Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District

Wards: Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting authority to designate a passenger loading zone, a taxicab stand, and pay-and-display parking, on the west side of Simcoe Street, between Adelaide Street West and Richmond Street West.

The proposed passenger loading zone will allow for pick-up and drop-off of passengers at No. 140 Simcoe Street and should discourage parking by taxicabs in front of the building. The taxicab stand will provide a designated area for drivers to wait for fares. It is feasible to designate pay-and-display parking to the north and south of these areas. Parking is currently prohibited in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Enact a "Passenger Loading Zone" regulation, in effect at all times, on the west side of Simcoe Street, between a point 27 metres south of Richmond Street West and a point 11 metres further south.

2. Enact a "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the west side of Simcoe Street, between a point 27 metres south of Richmond Street West and a point 11 metres further south.
3. Enact a 3-vehicle "Taxicab Stand" regulation in effect at all times on the west side of Simcoe Street, between a point 38 metres south of Richmond Street West and a point 16 metres further south.

4. Adjust the existing parking machine regulation on the west side of Simcoe Street, between a point 9 metres south of Queen Street West and a point 30.5 metres north of King Street West, to be in effect from a point 9 metres south of Queen Street West to a point 27 metres south of Richmond Street West, and from Nelson Street to a point 30.5 metres north of King Street West.

**Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $500.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportations Services has been requested to review parking regulations on the west side of Simcoe Street, fronting No. 140 Simcoe Street, which is a mid-rise residential building. Taxi cabs regularly park in this area while waiting for fares. As a result, visitors and residents of the building cannot be picked-up or dropped-off near the front door.

**COMMENTS**

No. 140 Simcoe Street is located on the west side of the street, just south of Richmond Street West. Simcoe Street is a one-way southbound, three lane collector roadway, between Adelaide Street West and Richmond Street West. This section of Simcoe Street is intersected midway on the west side by Nelson Street. There is no TTC service on Simcoe Street.

Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of Simcoe Street, between Adelaide Street West and Richmond Street West. Observations revealed that the west side of Simcoe Street in front of No. 140 is regularly occupied by taxi cabs waiting for passengers.

The creation of an 11 metre long passenger loading zone with a standing prohibition on the west side of Simcoe Street, in front of No. 140 Simcoe Street, will allow for pick-up and drop-off of passengers and discourage parking by taxi cabs. The taxi stand will provide a designated area for drivers to wait for fares. It is feasible to designate pay-and-display parking to the north and south of these areas.

Also, temporary parking regulations associated with the completed construction staging area for the Shangri-La Hotel (No. 180 University Avenue) that was on the east side of Simcoe Street, opposite Nelson Street, were recently reversed but the signs have not yet been changed. Recommendation No. 5 reflects the current parking machine regulation, not the signed regulation.
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